

Our economy isn't working for too many people, and it is even more difficult for women. Traditionally women have been second class citizens both politically and economically. Women are a large part of the workforce and should have paid maternity leave. We always talk a good game about children's health and well being and this should begin during pregnancy and continue during the child's first few months when it is most frail and requires close attention from the mother. In the long run taking care of the health of the child and the mother is cheaper than risking the health of both by severing the mother and child bond.

I support HB 6932 and HB 6784 because they allow workers to balance caring for their families and their jobs.

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